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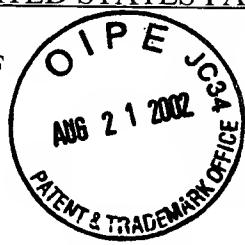
IN RE APPLICATION OF

Koichi SUGITA et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/477,730

FILED: JANUARY 5, 2000

FOR: NOVEL VECTOR FOR INTRODUCING A GENE
INTO A PLANT USING A SELECTABLE MARKER



: GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

: EXAMINER: COLLINS, C.

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SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated March 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-13 remain pending.

At the outset, Applicants would like to thank Examiner Collins for indicating that the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and §112, second paragraph, have been withdrawn. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.